

be agreed to, the preamble agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 237) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 237

Whereas the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia each issued on September 10, 2003, a public statement of apology for the crimes committed by citizens of each country against citizens of the other country; and

Whereas the countries of Southeast Europe are struggling to move beyond the problems of the past and toward a brighter future that includes membership in both the European Union and NATO: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) welcomes the public apologies issued on September 10, 2003, by the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia;

(2) commends the initiative and personal courage demonstrated by their actions;

(3) recognizes the value of such apologies in the important process of reconciliation in Southeast Europe;

(4) notes public support within the region for these efforts;

(5) calls upon the governments in the region to continue their efforts to encourage and advance reconciliation; and

(6) reiterates the importance of resolving post-conflict issues, including—

(A) by ensuring that refugees and internally displaced persons have the right to return home; and

(B) by bringing persons indicted for war crimes to justice, including through cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal on the Former Yugoslavia.

**CONGO BASIN FOREST
PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 2003**

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2264, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2264) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 to carry out the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) program, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Alexander amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the title amendment be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendments (Nos. 2228 and 2229) were agreed to as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2228

(Purpose: To strike the authorization of appropriations for fiscal year 2005)

Beginning on page 5, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 6, line 11, and insert the following:

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry out the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) program \$18,600,000 for fiscal year 2004.

(b) CARPE.—Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (a), \$16,000,000 is authorized to be made available to the Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE) of the United States Agency for International Development.

(c) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations under subsection (a) are authorized to remain available until expended.

AMENDMENT NO. 2229

(Purpose: To amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: "To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 to carry out the Congo Basin Forest Partnership program, and for other purposes."

The bill (H.R. 2264), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUDGET
AUTONOMY ACT OF 2003**

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 418, S. 1267.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1267) to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide the District of Columbia with autonomy over its budgets, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Governmental Affairs with an amendment, as follows:

S. 1267

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Budget Autonomy Act of 2003".

SEC. 2. ENACTMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL BUDGET.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 446 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1-204.46, D.C. Official Code) is amended to read as follows:

"ENACTMENT OF LOCAL BUDGET

"SEC. 446. (a) ADOPTION OF BUDGETS AND SUPPLEMENTS.—The Council, within 50 calendar days after receipt of the budget proposal from the Mayor, and after public hearing, shall by Act adopt the annual budget for the District of Columbia government. Any supplements thereto shall also be adopted by Act by the Council after public hearing.

"(b) TRANSMISSION TO PRESIDENT DURING CONTROL YEARS.—In the case of a budget for a fiscal year which is a control year, the budget so adopted shall be submitted by the Mayor to the President for transmission by him to the Congress, except that the Mayor shall not transmit any such budget, or amendments or supplements thereto, to the President until the completion of the budget procedures contained in this Act and the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995.

"(c) PROHIBITING OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES NOT AUTHORIZED UNDER BUDGET.—Except as provided in section 445A(b), section

467(d), section 471(c), section 472(d), section 475(e), section 483(d), and subsections (f), (g), (h)(3), and (i)(3) of section 490, no amount may be obligated or expended by any officer or employee of the District of Columbia government unless—

"(1) such amount has been approved by an Act of the Council (and then only in accordance with such authorization) and a copy of such Act has been transmitted by the Chairman to the Congress; or

"(2) in the case of an amount obligated or expended during a control year, such amount has been approved by an Act of Congress (and then only in accordance with such authorization).

"(d) RESTRICTIONS ON REPROGRAMMING OF AMOUNTS.—After the adoption of the annual budget for a fiscal year (beginning with the annual budget for fiscal year 1995), no reprogramming of amounts in the budget may occur unless the Mayor submits to the Council a request for such reprogramming and the Council approves the request, but only if any additional expenditures provided under such request for an activity are offset by reductions in expenditures for another activity.

"(e) DEFINITION.—In this part, the term 'control year' has the meaning given such term in section 305(4) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995."

(b) LENGTH OF CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD FOR BUDGET ACTS.—Section 602(c) of such Act (sec. 1-206.02(c), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence of paragraph (1), by striking "paragraph (2)" and inserting "paragraphs (2) and (4)"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) In the case of any Act transmitted under the first sentence of paragraph (1) to which section 446 applies and for which the fiscal year involved is not a control year, such Act shall take effect upon the expiration of the 30-calendar-day period beginning on the day such Act is transmitted, or upon the date prescribed by such Act, whichever is later, unless during such 30-day period, there has been enacted into law a joint resolution disapproving such Act. If such 30-day period expires on any day on which neither House is in session because of an adjournment sine die, a recess of more than three days, or an adjournment of more than three days, the period applicable under the previous sentence shall be extended for 5 additional days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and any day on which neither House is in session because of an adjournment sine die, a recess of more than three days, or an adjournment of more than three days). In any case in which any such joint resolution disapproving such an Act has, within the applicable period, passed both Houses of Congress and has been transmitted to the President, such resolution, upon becoming law, subsequent to the expiration of such period, shall be deemed to have repealed such Act, as of the date such resolution becomes law. The provisions of section 604 shall apply with respect to any joint resolution disapproving any Act pursuant to this paragraph."

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Sections 467(d), 471(c), 472(d)(2), 475(e)(2), and 483(d), and subsections (f), (g)(3), (h)(3), and (i)(3) of section 490 of such Act are each amended by striking "The fourth sentence of section 446" and inserting "Section 446(c)".

(2) The third sentence of section 412(a) of such Act (sec. 1-204.12(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended by inserting "for a fiscal year which is a control year described in such section" after "section 446 applies".

(3) Section 202(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995 (sec. 47-